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Amendments to the Claims:

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for performing digital right management in a network, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

storing ~~(251)~~, in a first ~~authorised~~authorized device ~~(211)~~, a master right associated with a content, which master right controls what type of access the first ~~authorised~~authorized device has to ~~said~~ the associated content;

deriving a subright from the master right, which subright controls what type of access a second ~~authorised~~authorized device ~~(261)~~ is given to ~~said~~ the associated content;

distributing ~~(271)~~ the subright to ~~said~~ the second ~~authorised~~authorized device, given that ~~said~~ the second device complies with a predetermined distribution criterion associated with the master right<u>;</u>

<u>measuring a distance between the first authorized device and the second authorized device, and</u>
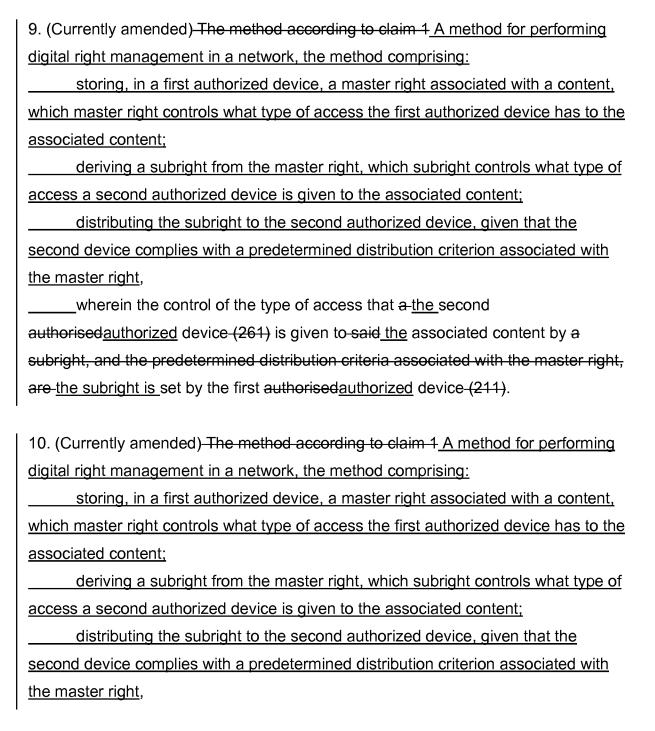
<u>allowing, by means of exercising the subright, the second authorized device access to the associated content if the distance between the first authorized device and the second authorized device is smaller than a maximum access distance.</u>

2 (Canceled) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, ~~further comprising the step of measuring the distance (381) between the first authorised device (311) and the second authorised device (361),~~ wherein ~~said~~ the predetermined distribution criterion is that the distance between the first ~~authorised~~ authorized device and the second ~~authorised~~ authorized device shall be smaller than a maximum distribution distance.

3. (Canceled)

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4. (Currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of~~ A method for performing digital right management in a network, the method comprising:

storing, in a first authorized device, a master right associated with a content, which master right controls what type of access the first authorized device has to the associated content;

deriving a subright from the master right, which subright controls what type of access a second authorized device is given to the associated content;

distributing the subright to the second authorized device, given that the second device complies with a predetermined distribution criterion associated with the master right; and

revoking ~~(581)~~ the subright~~s (522, 532, 542, 552, 562) derived from the master right (512)~~ at the second device when ~~said~~ the master right exits ~~(571)~~ the network ~~(501)~~.

5. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 4 ~~1~~, wherein the first ~~authorised~~ authorized device ~~(511)~~ and the second ~~authorised~~ authorized device ~~(521, 531, 541, 551, 561)~~ are ~~comprised~~ included in an ~~authorised~~authorized domain ~~(501)~~, and the size of the authorized domain is managed by the master right ~~(512)~~.

6. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 5, wherein ~~said~~ the first ~~authorised~~ authorized device ~~(511) storing the master right (512)~~ manages the ~~authorised~~ authorized domain ~~(501)~~.

7. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to any one of~~ of claim 5, wherein ~~said~~ the predetermined distribution criterion is that the number of ~~authorised~~ authorized devices ~~(511, 521, 531, 541, 551, 561)~~ or persons which are allowed in the ~~authorised~~authorized domain ~~(501)~~ shall be smaller than a maximum domain participant number.

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8. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein the control of the type of access that a second ~~authorised~~authorized device ~~(261)~~ is given to ~~said~~ the associated content by a subright, and the predetermined distribution criteria associated with the master right, are set by a service provider ~~(221)~~.

9. (Currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 1~~ A method for performing digital right management in a network, the method comprising:

storing, in a first authorized device, a master right associated with a content, which master right controls what type of access the first authorized device has to the associated content;

deriving a subright from the master right, which subright controls what type of access a second authorized device is given to the associated content;

distributing the subright to the second authorized device, given that the second device complies with a predetermined distribution criterion associated with the master right,

wherein the control of the type of access that ~~a~~ the second ~~authorised~~authorized device ~~(261)~~ is given to ~~said~~ the associated content by ~~a~~ ~~subright, and the predetermined distribution criteria associated with the master right,~~ ~~are~~ the subright is set by the first ~~authorised~~authorized device ~~(211)~~.

10. (Currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 1~~ A method for performing digital right management in a network, the method comprising:

storing, in a first authorized device, a master right associated with a content, which master right controls what type of access the first authorized device has to the associated content;

deriving a subright from the master right, which subright controls what type of access a second authorized device is given to the associated content;

distributing the subright to the second authorized device, given that the second device complies with a predetermined distribution criterion associated with the master right,

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_____wherein a content quality parameter is set in the subright, which parameter decides the quality with which ~~said~~ the associated content can be rendered by the second ~~authorised~~authorized device.

11. (Currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 1, wherein the second authorised device (461) further performs the step of:~~ A method for performing digital right management in a network, the method comprising:

_____storing, in a first authorized device, a master right associated with a content, which master right controls what type of access the first authorized device has to the associated content;

_____deriving a subright from the master right, which subright controls what type of access a second authorized device is given to the associated content;

_____distributing the subright to the second authorized device, given that the second device complies with a predetermined distribution criterion associated with the master right; and

_____contacting the first ~~authorised~~authorized device ~~(411) storing the master right (412)~~ after receiving the subright and before exercising the subright by the second authorized device ~~(462)~~.

12-22 (Canceled)

23. (New) The method of claim 11, including verifying the master right before exercising the subright by the second authorized device.

24. (New) The method of claim 11, including contacting the first authorized device before each exercising of the subright by the second authorized device.

25. (New) The method of claim 24, including verifying that the first authorized device is within a given range of the second authorized device.

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26. (New) The method of claim 4, wherein the master right exits the network whenever the first authorized device transfers the master right to another device outside the network.

27. (New) The method of claim 4, wherein the master right exits the network whenever the master right is revoked at the first authorized device.

28. (New) The method of claim 4, wherein revoking the subright is effected via a communication from the first authorized device to the second authorized device.

29. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the distance includes communicating a first signal from the first authorized device at a first time, receiving a second signal from the second authorized device in response to the first signal at a second time, and determining a difference between the first and second times.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the second signal is based on the first signal and a secret shared by the first and second authorized device.

31. (New) A device comprising:

        a memory that is configured to store a master right that defines access rights of the device to content material, and

        a processor that is configured to:

                determine whether a second device is authorized to receive some or all of the access rights to the content material, based on a distribution right that is associated with the master right,

                create a subright that defines the access rights of the second device,

                determine a distance between the device and the second device, and

                distribute the subright to the second device if the distance is less than a predefined maximum distribution distance.

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32. (New) The device of claim 31, wherein the maximum distribution distance is included in the distribution right.

33. (New) The device of claim 31, wherein the subright grantable to the second device is defined by a provider of the master right.

34. (New) The device of claim 31, wherein the subright grantable to the second device is defined by the device.

35. (New) The device of claim 31, wherein the processor is configured to verify the master right to the second device upon request of the second device.

36. (New) A device comprising:

a memory that is configured to store a subright that defines access rights of the device to content material based on a master right at an other device on a network, and

a processor that is configured to:

verify to the other device that the device is authorized to receive subrights to content materials,

transmit a response signal to a first signal that is received from the other device to facilitate determination, at the other device, of a distance between the device and the other device, the response signal being based on the first signal and a secret that is shared between the device and the other device,

receive the subright from the other device, and

exercise the subright to gain access to the content material.

37. (New) The device of claim 36, wherein the processor is configured to contact the other device after receiving the subright and before exercising the subright.

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38. (New) The device of claim 37, wherein the processor is configured to contact the other device to verify the master right at the other device before exercising the subright.

39. (New) The device of claim 38, wherein the processor is configured to verify the master right at the other device before each exercising of the subright.

40. (New) The device of claim 37, wherein the processor is configured to contact the other device to verify that the other device is within a given range of the device before each exercising of the subright.

41. (New) A device comprising:

a memory that is configured to store a subright that defines access rights of the device to content material based on a master right at an other device on a network, and

a processor that is configured to contact the other device before each exercising of the subright to access the content material.

42. (New) The device of claim 41, wherein the processor is configured to verify the master right at the other device before each exercising of the subright to access the content material.

43. (New) The device of claim 41, wherein the processor is configured to contact the other device to verify that the other device is within a given range of the device before each exercising of the subright to access the content material.

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44. (New) A device comprising:

a memory that is configured to store a master right that defines access rights of the device to content material, the content material being renderable at a plurality of quality levels, and

a processor that is configured to:

determine whether a second device is authorized to receive some or all of the access rights to the content material, based on a distribution right that is associated with the master right,

create a subright that defines the access rights of the second device, and

distribute the subright to the second device,

wherein the subright includes a quality parameter that defines the quality level at which the content material may be rendered at the second device.

45. (New) A device comprising:

a memory that is configured to store a subright that defines access rights of the device to content material based on a master right at an other device on a network, and

a processor that is configured to render the content material based on the subright,

wherein the subright includes a quality parameter that defines the quality level at which the content material may be rendered by the processor.